

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MINOR

Program Website (<https://einaudi.cornell.edu/international-relations-minor/>)

Program Description

The Einaudi Center offers an International Relations Minor, which is an interdisciplinary program open to undergraduates enrolled in any of the seven Cornell undergraduate colleges. It provides a structured yet flexible program for undergraduates to take advantage of the vast resources available at the university for studying the politics, economics, history, languages, and cultures of the countries and regions of the world.

Graduates of the program have gone on to pursue further education in fields such as political science and anthropology and to successful careers in international law, economics, agriculture, trade, finance, and government service. They have worked in international and nongovernmental organizations, in cross-cultural affairs, in journalism, and in education.

The IR Minor is not a major or a department, but rather a program offering a selection of courses reaching across colleges and departments. Students pursue the Minor in addition to their regular degree. Students have majored in such fields as anthropology, city and regional planning, communications, government, history, natural resources, industrial and labor relations, and computer science. International course work and language study add a global and cross-cultural dimension to those majors. Some students even design an independent major in some aspect of international relations or comparative social or cultural studies. Spending a semester or year of study abroad can contribute to meeting the course requirements of the IR Minor, including the language requirement.

Study Abroad

IRM students are strongly encouraged to study abroad to bring a practical dimension to their expertise in international issues. Those who choose this option will find the requirements for the Minor highly compatible with courses taken abroad. To learn more about programs available for study abroad, consult the Office of Global Learning (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/>), and contact the Administrative Coordinator (<https://catalog.cornell.edu/programs/international-relations-minor/irm@einaudi.cornell.edu>) of the IR Minor to discuss how your study abroad program can help fulfill the Minor requirements.

Enrollment

Students may enroll in the International Relations Minor at any point but are encouraged to do so early in order to be put on the email list for announcements of news and activities of the program. There is no penalty for withdrawing from or not completing the Minor. To enroll, please contact the Administrative Coordinator (<https://catalog.cornell.edu/programs/international-relations-minor/irm@einaudi.cornell.edu>).

Completion

Transcripts reflect successful completion of the requirements for the Minor. In addition, students receive a certificate and a letter of confirmation signed by the Director of the International Relations Minor

and the Director of the Mario Einaudi Center. Students completing the regional expertise track will receive a special certificate indicating their area of regional specialization.

Minor Requirements

These requirements are designed to expose students to a broad range of perspectives in international relations while allowing them to tailor their course selections to specific interests. Courses throughout the university are grouped into four subject areas:

1. International Economics and Development
2. World Politics and Foreign Policy
3. International Policy
4. Regional Specialization

Courses within these four subject areas are designated as "core" or "elective." Please note that the core courses in the International Economics group have an introductory economics course as a prerequisite. Students choose to pursue one of two tracks within the minor.

Option A provides a baseline level of knowledge in the core areas of the minor, and requires six courses. The baseline track does not have a language requirement.

- One core course from each of the four groups
- Two electives from any of the groups

Option B places greater emphasis on regional expertise, and includes a language requirement.

- One core course from each of the four groups
- Two additional electives, one of which must be from the regional specialization group
- Fulfillment of the language requirement

All courses used to fulfill the Minor requirements, including language courses, must be taken for a letter grade.

Before pre-enrollment each semester, a course list for the following semester (as well as lists for the current and previous semesters) can be obtained from the IR administrative coordinator (<https://catalog.cornell.edu/programs/international-relations-minor/irm@einaudi.cornell.edu>), as well as from the IR website (<https://einaudi.cornell.edu/international-relations-minor/>). Note: These lists of elective courses are illustrative, not complete. Other courses throughout the university qualify for the IR minor. Please contact the IR administrative coordinator for details.

Language Requirement

IRM students pursuing Option B, the regional expertise track, are expected to complete additional language study beyond the College of Arts and Sciences degree requirement of "proficiency." For most languages, proficiency is attained by completing a course at the 2000 level, by which point the basic grammar and structure of the language will have been covered.

The requirement can be fulfilled in one of two ways:

- Demonstrated facility in one foreign language (proficiency plus one course that uses the language to explore some aspect of a foreign culture, such as literature or film), or
- Demonstrated proficiency in two foreign languages

One of these languages should be commonly used in the student's area of regional specialization. All language courses must be taken for a letter grade.

Course List

Core course options (one from each group) and selected possible electives are listed below. Please note that the electives list is intended to be representative but not exhaustive. Other elective courses are commonly taken; options should be discussed with the administrative coordinator. Please note that some courses, especially in Group 1, have prerequisites and others have limited enrollment. Most courses are offered one semester only. Offerings may change, so see the administrative coordinator, Class Roster (<http://classes.cornell.edu/>), and IR website (<https://einaudi.cornell.edu/international-relations-minor/>) for updates and further details.

Group 1: International Economics and Development

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
AEM 2300	International Trade and Finance (crosslisted)	3
AEM 4300	International Trade Policy	3
ECON 3545	Money and Finance in the Digital Age (crosslisted)	3
ECON 4510		
Electives		
AEM 2000	Contemporary Controversies in the Global Economy	3
AEM 2300	International Trade and Finance	3
AEM 2350	Introduction To The Economics Of Development	3
AEM 2500	Environmental and Resource Economics (crosslisted)	3
AEM 2805	Strategic Responses to Poverty and Hunger in Developing Countries	3
AEM 2816	Climate-Smart Agribusiness	3
AEM 4420	Emerging Markets	3
AEM 4450	Toward a Sustainable Global Food System: Food Policy for Developing Countries (crosslisted)	3
AEM 4545	Money and Finance in the Digital Age (crosslisted)	3
AEM 4880	Global Food, Energy, and Water Nexus – Engage the US, China, and India for Sustainable Future (crosslisted)	3-4
ASIAN 3304	China's Next Economy (crosslisted)	4
CRP 3854	Special Topics in Regional Development and Globalization (crosslisted)	4
ECON 3550	Economics of Developing Countries (crosslisted)	3
ECON 3545	Money and Finance in the Digital Age (crosslisted)	3
ECON 3910	Health, Poverty, and Inequality: A Global Perspective (crosslisted)	3
GDEV 3010	Theories of Society and Development	3
GOVT 3304		
ILRGL 2350	Work, Labor, and Capital in the Global Economy	3
ILRGL 3385	The US-China Relationship: A Labor Perspective (crosslisted)	3

ILRGL 4337	Labor and Employment in the Middle East and North Africa (crosslisted)	3
ILRGL 4340		1-4
ILRIC 2350		
ILRIC 4340		
NES 4337	Labor and Employment in the Middle East and North Africa	3
PUBPOL 2810		
PUBPOL 3780	Sick Around the World? Comparing Health Care Systems Around the World	3

Group 2: World Politics and Foreign Policy

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
GOVT 1817	Making Sense of World Politics	4
Electives		
ASIAN 4448	China, Tibet and Xinjiang (crosslisted)	4
ASRC 3330	China-Africa Relations (crosslisted)	3
CAPS 4870	China and Asian Security	4
GOVT 2274	Global Studies Gateway	3
GOVT 2283		4
GOVT 2817	America Confronts the World (crosslisted)	4
GOVT 2847	Political History of Modern Afghanistan	3
GOVT 3384	The Asian Century: The Rise of China and India (crosslisted)	3
GOVT 3437	Politics of the European Union	4
GOVT 3687	The US and the Middle East	4
GOVT 3837		
GOVT 3857	American Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 3947	Race and World Politics	3
GOVT 4264	(crosslisted)	4
GOVT 4365		4
GDEV 4721	Peace Building in Conflict Regions: Case Studies Sub-Saharan Africa Israel Palestinian Territories	4
HIST 2315	The Occupation of Japan (crosslisted)	4
HIST 1650	Myths of Monarchy in Europe, Medieval Times to the Present	4
HIST 1740	Imperial China (crosslisted)	4
HIST 2541	Modern Caribbean History	4
HIST 2969	The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire	4
HIST 3312		
SOC 3680		

Group 3: International Policy

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
AEM 2000	Contemporary Controversies in the Global Economy	3
GDEV 1102	Introduction to Global Development	3
GDEV 2010	Population and Social Change (crosslisted)	3
GDEV 3150	Climate Change and Global Development: Living in the Anthropocene	3
GDEV 3311	Environmental Governance (crosslisted)	3
Electives		

AEM 1500	An Introduction to the Economics of Environmental and Natural Resources (crosslisted)	3
CEE 1130	Sustainable Engineering of Energy, Water, Soil, and Air Resources (crosslisted)	3
COML 3336	Border Environments (crosslisted)	3
ECON 3670	Behavioral Economics and Public Policy (crosslisted)	3
ECON 3850	Economics and Environmental Policy (crosslisted)	3
ECON 3860	Resource Economics (crosslisted)	3
ECON 3875		
ECON 3910	Health, Poverty, and Inequality: A Global Perspective (crosslisted)	3
GDEV 2030		
GDEV 2201	Society and Natural Resources (crosslisted)	3
GDEV 3020	Political Ecologies of Health	3
GDEV 3311	Environmental Governance (crosslisted)	3
GDEV 3240	Environmental Sociology (crosslisted)	3
GDEV 4020		
GDEV 4140	Global Cropping Systems and Sustainable Development (crosslisted)	3
GDEV 4443	Global Climate Change Science and Policy (crosslisted)	3
GDEV 4750		
GDEV 4940	Special Topics in Global Development (crosslisted)	1-3
GOVT 2152	(Im)migration and (Im)migrants: Then and Now (crosslisted)	3
GOVT 2897	WIM: Human Rights at War	4
GOVT 3087	International Human Rights Law and Advocacy	3
GOVT 3494	Special Topics in Regional Development and Globalization (crosslisted)	4
GOVT 3987		
GOVT 4293		4
GOVT 4451	Making Science Policy: The Real World	4
HIST 4851	Refugees (crosslisted)	4
ILRGL 2350	Work, Labor, and Capital in the Global Economy	3
ILRIC 2650		
ILRIC 4344		
ILRGL 4360	Global Comparative Disability Policy	3
ILRIC 4372		
PUBPOL 3615	Sustainable Finance: Southeast Asia and Global Perspectives	3
PUBPOL 3670	Economics and Environmental Policy	3
PUBPOL 3780	Sick Around the World? Comparing Health Care Systems Around the World	3

Group 4: Regional Specialization

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
Core courses by region (choose 1).		
<i>Africa</i>		
HIST 1590	History and Popular Culture in Africa	3
GOVT 3353	African Politics	4
<i>Asia</i>		
ASIAN 2208	Introduction to Southeast Asia	3

ASIAN 2211	Introduction to Japan	3
ASIAN 2212		3
ASIAN 2218	Introduction to Korea	3
ASIAN 2222	From Samurai to Superpower: Japan in World History II	4
ASIAN 2275	History of Modern India	4
CAPS 2230	Introduction to China: Outsiders in History	3
<i>Europe</i>		
GOVT 2553	Inside Europe	4
HIST 1511	The Making of Modern Europe, from 1500 to the Present	4
<i>Latin America</i>		
HIST 1960	Modern Latin America	4
GOVT 3293	Comparative Politics of Latin America	4
<i>Middle East and North Africa</i>		
HIST 2674	History of the Modern Middle East	3
GOVT 3313	Comparative Politics of the Middle East	3

Electives

As with the core courses, electives must offer a substantial portion of the coursework (> 50%) in a region, or a country within a region, to qualify. The following courses are listed by region. This list is not exhaustive and is only a sample to help students familiarize themselves with potential courses. If you are interested in a course that you believe could qualify as an elective, please email the IR coordinator to get the course approved.

Africa

ASRC 2003	Africa: The Continent and Its People	3
ASRC 2025		
ASRC 2354	African American Visions of Africa (crosslisted)	4
ASRC 2515	Freedom Struggles in Southern Africa	3
ASRC 2542	The Making of Contemporary Africa (crosslisted)	4
ASRC 2556	The Global Congo: Diplomacy, Extraction, and Resistance	3
ASRC 3330	China-Africa Relations (crosslisted)	3
ASRC 3652		
ASRC 4681	Post-Conflict Justice and Resolution in Africa	3
CRP 3850	Special Topics in Planning	1-4
NS 4630	Global Health, Development, and Policy Issues in Tanzania	4
GOVT 3333	China-Africa Relations (crosslisted)	3

Asia

ANTHR 4516	Power, Society, and Culture in Southeast Asia	4
ARTH 3850	The Arts of Southeast Asia (crosslisted)	3
ARTH 4816	Modern Chinese Art (crosslisted)	3
ASIAN 2232	Introduction to China: Getting Rich in Modern China	3
ASIAN 3309	Temple in the World: Buddhism in Contemporary South and Southeast Asia (crosslisted)	3
ASIAN 3311	(crosslisted)	4
ASIAN 3368	Imagining India, Home and Diaspora (crosslisted)	4
ASIAN 3380	The Asian Century: The Rise of China and India (crosslisted)	3
ASIAN 3395	What is China?	3

ASIAN 3396	Transnational Local: Southeast Asian History from the Eighteenth Century (crosslisted)	4
ASIAN 4454	The Rise of China and Change in World Politics	4
ASIAN 4494	Topics in Southeast Asian Studies	2-4
CAPS 4502	Becoming a China Hand	4
CRP 3850	Special Topics in Planning	1-4
ENGL 3530	Imagining India, Home and Diaspora (crosslisted)	4
GOVT 2847	Political History of Modern Afghanistan	3
GOVT 3007	China in Transition	4
GOVT 3017	Chinese Perspectives on International and Global Affairs	4
GOVT 3044	China's Next Economy (crosslisted)	4
GOVT 3443	Southeast Asian Politics (crosslisted)	4
GOVT 4037	Making Sense of China: The Capstone Seminar (crosslisted)	4
HIST 1740	Imperial China (crosslisted)	4
HIST 2315	The Occupation of Japan (crosslisted)	4
HIST 2548	Buddhists in Indian Ocean World: Past and Present	3
RELST 2250	Introduction to Asian Religions (crosslisted)	3
<i>Europe</i>		
ARTH 4720	Curating the British Empire (crosslisted)	3
GOVT 2553	Inside Europe	4
GOVT 3437	Politics of the European Union	4
HIST 2158	St. Petersburg and the Making of Modern Russia (crosslisted)	4
HIST 2165	The Death of Democracy: Europe Between the World Wars	4
HIST 2760	The British Empire	4
HIST 2958	Empires and Vampires: History of Eastern Europe (crosslisted)	4
<i>Latin America</i>		
ANTHR 3255	Ancient Mexico and Central America (crosslisted)	3
ARTH 3566	Art and Architecture of the Pre-Columbian Americas (crosslisted)	4
GOVT 4264	(crosslisted)	4
HIST 2541	Modern Caribbean History (crosslisted)	4
HIST 3801	War and Revolution in 20th Century Latino History	3
LATA 2200	Perspectives on Latin America (crosslisted)	3
LATA 2715	A Global South: Chile, the Pacific and the World	4-5
LATA 2800	Perspectives on Brazil	3
LATA 4000	Contemporary Issues in Latin - Latino America (crosslisted)	1
<i>Middle East and North Africa</i>		
GOVT 2673	The History and Politics of Modern Egypt	3
GOVT 3687	The US and the Middle East	4
HIST 3519	History of State and Society in Modern Iran: Through Literature and Film	3
NES 2655		
NES 2722	Of Saints, Poets, and Revolutionaries: Medieval and Modern Iran and Central Asia	3
NES 3542	The Ottoman Empire 1800-1922 (crosslisted)	4
NES 3805	Israeli Politics (crosslisted)	3

NES 4337	Labor and Employment in the Middle East and North Africa (crosslisted)	3
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University Graduation Requirements

Requirements for All Students

In order to receive a Cornell degree, a student must satisfy academic and non-academic requirements.

Academic Requirements

A student's college determines degree requirements such as residency, number of credits, distribution of credits, and grade averages. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of the specific major, degree, distribution, college, and graduation requirements for completing their chosen program of study. See the individual requirements listed by each college or school or contact the college registrar's office (<https://registrar.cornell.edu/service-resources/college-registrar-directory/>) for more information.

Non-academic Requirements

Conduct Matters. Students must satisfy any outstanding sanctions, penalties or remedies imposed or agreed to under the Student Code of Conduct (Code) or Policy 6.4. Where a formal complaint under the Code or Policy 6.4 is pending, the University will withhold awarding a degree otherwise earned until the adjudication process set forth in those procedures is complete, including the satisfaction of any sanctions, penalties or remedies imposed.

Financial Obligations. Outstanding financial obligations will not impact the awarding of a degree otherwise earned or a student's ability to access their official transcript. However, the University may withhold issuing a diploma until any outstanding financial obligations owing to the University are satisfied.

Additional Requirements for Undergraduate Students

The University has two requirements for graduation that must be fulfilled by all undergraduate students: the swim requirement, and completion of two physical education courses. For additional information about fulfilling University Graduation Requirements, see the Physical Education website (<https://scl.cornell.edu/pe/>).

Physical Education

All incoming undergraduate students are required to take two credits (two courses) of Physical Education prior to graduation. It is recommended they complete the two courses during their first year at Cornell. Credit in Physical Education may be earned by participating in courses offered by the Department of Athletics and Physical Education (https://courses.cornell.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=60&poid=30232) and Cornell Outdoor Education, by being a registered participant on a varsity athletic team, or performing in the marching band.

Students with medical concerns should contact the Office of Student Disability Services (<http://sds.cornell.edu/>).

Swim Requirement

The Faculty Advisory Committee on Athletics and Physical Education has established a basic swimming and water safety competency requirement for all undergraduate students. Normally, the requirement is taken during the Fall Orientation process at Helen Newman Hall or Teagle Hall pools.

The requirement consists of the following: jump or step feet-first into the deep end of the pool, float or tread for one minute, turn around in a full circle, swim 25 yards using any stroke(s) of choice without touching the bottom or holding on to the sides (there is no time limit) and exit from the water. Students who do not complete the swim requirement during their first year, during a PE swim class or during orientation subsequent years, will have to pay a \$100 fee. Any student who cannot meet this requirement must register for PE 1100 Beginning Swimming as their physical education course before electives can be chosen.

If a student does not pass the swim requirement in their first Beginning Swimming PE class, then the student must take a second Beginning Swimming PE class (PE 1100 or PE 1101). Successful completion of two Beginning Swimming classes (based on attendance requirements) with the instructor's recommendation will fulfill the University's swim requirement.

Students unable to meet the swim requirement because of medical reasons should contact the Office of Student Disability Services (<http://sds.cornell.edu/>). When a waiver is granted by the Faculty Committee on Physical Education, an alternate requirement is imposed. The alternate requirement substitute is set by the Director of Physical Education.